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UP Holland blacksmith Jake Schorah brought his portable forge to last weekend's Green Fayre at Beacon Country Park which attracted more than 12,000 people. Full story and more pictures inside.

BRAVE DAISY'S DREAM TRIP

Report by **Henry James**

Teen who survived eight–hour life–saving operation can now look forward to swimming with dolphins

A BRAVE teenager who has battled serious illness for much of her young life and had to undergo a potentially life–saving operation earlier this year, is all set for a dream trip to Florida where she will have the chance to swim with dolphins.

Daisy Beckman was diagnosed with Crohn's disease – an inflammatory bowel condition – at the age of eight.

And on Valentine' Day this year, the 13–year–old from Burscough had vital surgery at Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool.

It took surgeons eight hours to remove six feet of bowel and an abscess which had caused her kidney to swell to twice its size.

And a sister at the hospital who looked after her while she was recuperating following the operation was so impressed by her bravery that she nominated Daisy for the holiday.

Daisy's mum, Hayley, told the Champion: "When we found out Daisy had been selected we were over the moon.

"During the trip, which will take place in October, she will be swimming with dolphins and visiting Disneyland.

"The operation, which saved her life, was only supposed to take four hours but it ended up lasting eight.

Brave teenager Daisy Beckman pictured with her mum, Hayley Code NA

"The doctors did not know the extent of the abscess that had grown close to Daisy's kidney. The kidney had also swollen to double its size.

"Daisy is doing a lot better now and I want to thank all the amazing staff at Alder Hey for their care."

Before the operation, Daisy, who was being treated at the Manchester Children's Hospital, had been very ill and had been off school for months.

Hayley added: "After six months of her being very ill and on 32 tablets a day and two injections a week I lost hope and got a second opinion from an amazing doctor at Alder Hey.

"Thank God I did, as he was willing to operate where the people at Manchester wouldn't."

Meanwhile, Daisy's family are raising money to help other Crohn's disease sufferers.

Hayley's partner, Stephen Holmes, did a 60–mile sponsored bike ride at the weekend from Manchester to Blackpool, raising £800 for Crohn's and Colitis UK; while Hayley's dad did a sponsored slim and raised £2,000 for the Crohn's in Childhood Research Association (CICRA).

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Where have our chaplains gone?

Report by
Danielle Thompson

THE number of chaplains employed by Southport & Ormskirk NHS Trust has plummeted over the last four years – amidst what has been dubbed nationally as 'Christianity in crisis.'

The Southport & Ormskirk Trust, which employed six chaplains over a total period of 63 hours a week in 2009, this year employs just one for 37.5 hours a week.

Almost 40% of Trusts nationally have reduced the amount of chaplains they employ – and almost half of trusts had fewer chaplaincy hours as well.

But Reverend Martin Abrams, the one remaining chaplain who covers both Ormskirk and Southport, says his role as a friend will always be needed – and that spiritual questions will always be raised in situations where people face difficult decisions.

He said: "The figures are correct – but the department works in a different way to how it used to.

"There are a lot of volunteers including Jewish volunteers, Christians and a Muslim Imam and two of the Roman Catholic Chaplains no longer employed in that role still work at the hospital in a different capacity and still offer their time up.

Chaplain Martin Abrams

"I am full time and we have so many volunteers that there is nearly always someone on site – and my hours are flexible, I will always come in if someone needs me.

"I understand that some people just want non–religious support and I am happy to give that, we are not exclusively for religious people and hospitals can be a lonely place, sometimes people just want to talk and be offered friendship.

"But for others, especially when faced with illness, spiritual questions come to the fore.

"Religion serves as a framework for bigger spiritual and ethical questions – I'm not just there for the 'card–carrying members'.

"People can have deep questions they want to talk through and have never stepped foot into a church for twenty years."

Keith Porteus–Wood from the National Secular Society says it is wrong to spend money on chaplains at a time when the NHS is under financial pressure.

He said: "All the statistics show the same thing – more and more people are regarding themselves as not religious.

"It would be more appropriate to have non–religious counsellors to help those in extreme difficulty – it will be less and less appropriate to be seen by someone deeply religious.

"The NHS is so strapped for cash – we need more frontline staff not religious staff.

"Religious communities could volunteer their services for those who want it as well as there being neutral counsellors."

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West Lancashire Mayor and Mayoress Iain and Beverley Ashcroft give the sponsored cyclists a send–off Code1060799

Cycle squad go the extra mile – or 200 – for Andrew

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A GROUP–of big–hearted bikers rode almost 200 miles from Burscough to Birmingham over three days last weekend to raise money for equipment for stroke victim, Andrew Davis.

Andrew, 33, originally from Burscough but who now lives in Birmingham, suffers from locked–in syndrome after a massive brain stem stroke in November 2011, which left him entirely paralysed except for the ability to move his eyelids.

Members of the Burscough Methodist Pantomime Group, who know his family, decided to fundraise for him to buy him a £5,000 power bike, which will help him to exercise to keep his body fit and help his recovery.

The bike will also measure resistance in his legs and arms and can chart his progress.

The group are still receiving donations, but estimate that they have raised more than £8,000 already.

Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancashire, Councillor Iain and Mrs Beverley Ashcroft gave the group of 17 fundraisers and 10 support cyclists a civic send–off last (Friday July 19) when they set off, reaching Birmingham on Sunday, July 21.

Jon Armitage, who helped to train and lead the cycling group, said: "Lots of the people who took part in the 197–mile ride were quite new to cycling and trained up specially for the event.

"Some of the ride, from the south of Manchester through the Peak District and on to Birmingham, was off–road, down trails and on canal towpaths.

"We were very grateful for the support of so many local businesses.

"When we got to Birmingham on Sunday we were met by some of Andrew's friends and taken to his home where we all celebrated with a fantastic BBQ.

"Andrew has such a strong will and character and he is determined, we all wanted to do anything that we can do to help."

To donate to the group, contact Jon on 07748642275.

Masterchef finalist closes second restaurant

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

MYSTERY surrounds the closure of Masterchef finalist Jay Tinker's second restaurant in Aughton – just months after the closure of his first restaurant in Southport.

The news comes after the businessman from Banks boasted in April that he had signed a contract to open a chain of six new UK and six new international restaurants with a health spa franchise.

He also revealed plans to open a bar and grill in Formby with a friend but these have now been scrapped.

Tinker took over the Bellagio in Aughton in September last year and reopened it as Tinkers of Aughton but the building is now up for sale with auction company Pugh for £300,000.

Referring to the sale, the auction website stated: "The tenant company under that lease has been dissolved.

"They understand the directors of the business operating the restaurant are a Mr Jason Tinker and Mr Mike Balfry, but they are not responding to the attempts made to contact them.

"During an inspection by the vendors managing agent on July 15 it appeared that the occupiers of the restaurant were in the process of vacating."

Tinkers of Aughton Code1060812

A note on the official Tinkers of Aughton website confirmed that the restaurant has now closed its doors, simply stating: "Special thanks to all of our customers."

Jay Tinker made it to the final four contestants in the eighth series of the cookery competition, Masterchef, watched by millions, but was voted off by judges, Gregg Wallace and John Torode in March 2012.

The chef opened his first restaurant, Tinkers, in Lord Street, Southport the following month but closed it in March this year blaming drainage problems.

He is the second high–profile chef whose restaurant has failed in Springfield Road in Aughton.

Celebrity chef Marco Pierre White's The Swan Inn closed in January 2011 after two years of trading before reopening as a Miller and Carter Steakhouse, although his other restaurant in Aughton, the West Tower, has continued to do well.

The Ascot Property Group, which announced in May on Twitter that the latest Tinkers restaurant would be coming soon to Formby confirmed on Monday that the planned development was no longer going ahead.

Schoolboy saddles up for charity challenge

Joe Cotterill and dad, Paul get set for their Doorstep to Dorset challenge Code1060873

By **Danielle Thompson**

WHEN 11–year–old Joe Cotterill learned about water filtration in school and the work of the Wateraid charity – which aims to give people in in poor communities throughout the world access to safe water and improved sanitation – he decided to do his bit to help.

And next Tuesday (July 30) he will set out from home in Bickerstaffe with dad, Paul on a sponsored bike ride aiming to raise £750 for the worthy cause.

The father–and–son team are heading down to Joe's granddad's home in the village of Whitchurch Canonicorum, 280 miles away in Dorset, camping en route and aiming to arrive by Friday, August 2.

They have named their trip the 'Doorstep to Dorset Challenge' and are hoping to drum up sponsorship to help Joe hit his £750 target.

Joe, who is in his last term at Bickerstaffe Primary School before going to Ormskirk School in September, has already raised £370.

He said: "I've already done the coast–to–coast ride which is about 140 miles – so I know I can do this.

"Hopefully this will just be the beginning of my fundraising challenges. When I'm older I'd really like to climb Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.

"And I'm hoping that people will sponsor me so that I can try and raise at least £750 for Wateraid which I think is a really good charity."

Paul, 50, added: "We cycled from Whitehaven to Sunderland in May so I know he can do it – in fact, his biggest fear is of me snoring when we share a tent!

"We are taking 'energy' food with us, like bananas and chocolate and, of course, I'll be carrying most of the stuff, including the tent. By the time we arrive I expect I'll have worked up quite a thirst and I'm looking forward to checking out how nice the Dorset cider is!"

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Community bake–off is latest addition to Vintage Fair

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A TASTE of Lancashire themed community bake–off will be among the many attractons at the next Vintage and Handmade Fair to be held in Ormskirk town centre on Sunday, July 28.

Bakers of all ages can compete for fantastic prizes in the bake–off, organised by West Lancashire Borough Council and Love Ormskirk, and can drop off their tasty treats at the competition base in the town centre between 10am and 1pm.

Categories are under–12s, under–21s and over–21s and judging is due to start at 1.30pm. Prizes include a fantastic Candy Explosion Hamper from Sweet Memories, Ormskirk, batches of cupcakes from House of Cupcakes, Ormskirk, a meal voucher for two at Brookes Bistro, Aughton Street, Ormskirk and a £20 gift voucher from the gift and homeware store Vanilla in Ormskirk.

This month's fair will include a street food market which will showcase specialist food and craft beers created by local artisan producers.

Aughton Street will be transformed with novelty games and rides for children and there will also be fun for adults, including life–size games such as chess and draughts in the Chapel Gallery.

Nostalgic sounds will be provided by live performances by violinist, Naomi Koop and saxophone quartet, SaxHaven.

Free crochet workshops with Mary Walton and calligraphy sessions with local artist Brian Whitmore and My Crafteaday are limited – contact the Chapel Gallery to book a 30–minute place on 01695 571328.

BDS hairdressing team will also be returning to make–over visitors in the style of their favourite vintage icons, as well as decorative nail and beauty treatments.

There is also an opportunity for visitors to have their picture taken in one of the vintage photo booths in the Chapel Gallery.

Councillor David Sudworth said: "There is certainly something for everyone to enjoy at the Vintage and Handmade Fairs, so make sure you come and join in the fun."

Entry forms for the bake–off can be collected from The Chapel Gallery or downloaded from Love Ormskirk's website www.loveormskirk.com.

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Call for cancer patients to park free at hospital

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

CANCER charity Macmillan has started a campaign for patients suffering from the disease to park for free at hospitals.

The charity, which provides support, practical care and financial advice for sufferers and their families, says that almost half of patients are stressed by car parking charges.

Despite government recommendations that patients with long–term illnesses should be given free or reduced parking, guidelines are not compulsory.

Macmillan says that two–thirds of cancer patients pay full price for parking, even if free or reduced car parking is available at their hospital – and that on average nationally, patients make 53 trips, costing £325 during the course of their treatment.

Current charges at Ormskirk Hospital range from £2.80 for less than two hours, up to £5.20 for eight hours or more, while passes cost £10 a week or £30 for three months.

UK Parking Control Limited, which run the Ormskirk and District General Hospital car park, confirmed that it is a Trust decision.

Jonathan Parry, Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust chief executive said: "The Trust runs a concessionary scheme for frequent visitors to our hospitals which can represent a considerable saving. The passes are available at £10 for a week or £30 for three months.

"We also provide free parking for outpatients claiming one or more of the following benefits: Income Support, Working Tax Credit, Income–based Employment and Support Allowance, pension credit or who have a valid HC2 or HC3 certificate.

"To claim free parking, patients should ask for a form from the clinic they attend and take it, with proof of entitlement, to the general office at either hospital."

Heroin dealer jailed for 14 years

Jobless dad used drugs cash to fund luxury lifestyle

By **Danielle Thompson**

AN unemployed father whose home was fitted out with a range of expensive luxury items, has been jailed for 14 years after being found guilty of conspiracy to supply heroin and money laundering.

Paul Emsley, 45, of Moss Nook, Burscough was part of a gang that supplied and transported drugs between Burscough and Fleetwood over several months.

The police observed him driving to a quiet road on the outskirts of the village, where he would supply drugs to others, on 139 out of 169 consecutive days.

The gang was busted due to the efforts of Operation Ouzel, a police operation aimed at disrupting the supply of heroin in Fleetwood between November 2011 and January 2012.

Preston Crown Court heard that despite being officially jobless, Emsley was living a life of luxury on the proceeds of his crime.

His home was lavishly furnished with an expensive fitted kitchen, including draft beer on tap, a hot tub in the garden and a television screen integrated into the shower unit.

In addition, a total of £46,000 in cash was discovered in a safe at the home.

Paul Emsley **Code NA**

Emsley was sentenced with three other gang members who were involved in transporting the heroin between Burscough and Fleetwood.

David Kyle, 45, formerly of Addison Road, Fleetwood pleaded guilty to possession with intent to supply heroin and conspiracy to supply heroin and was sentenced to eight years imprisonment. On his arrest he was found to be in possession of £2,750 of heroin.

Kimberly Kyle, 29, also formerly of Addison Road, Fleetwood, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to supply heroin and was sentenced to five years in prison.

And David Jones, 51, of Walmesley Street, Fleetwood, was found guilty of conspiracy to supply heroin and was sentenced to four years imprisonment.

After the sentencing, Detective Constable Ian Marsh said: "We are satisfied with the sentence given today and hope it goes some way in warning other people involved in drug dealing that it will not be tolerated and we will catch you.

"This was a large–scale organised set up and the offenders have made a lot of money through their crimes. Bringing heroin into Fleetwood puts people's lives at risk and causes misery among communities."

If you have any information about drug dealing you can contact Lancashire Constabulary on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Chance to meet up with council clean–up squad

Fly–tipping is one of the targets for the Environmental Enforcement Team Code1032858

THERE will be a chance for the public to meet members of the council squad aiming to crack down on fly–tipping, dog fouling and litter in the borough next week.

West Lancs Council's Environmental Enforcement Team will be at Ormskirk Market on Thursday, August 1.

The team is regularly out on patrol throughout the borough keeping a watchful eye out for litter louts, fly–tippers and dog owners who allow their pets to foul and do not clean it up.

Team members will be at the market to tell people all about the work they do.

If you want to bring any problems with these issues to the team's attention or want some advice then go along and see them at the market. Their stall will be on the WH Smiths side of Moor Street.

Councillor David Sudworth, the council's portfolio holder for health, leisure and community safety, said: "Residents quite rightly get very annoyed when they see dog fouling, litter and fly–tipping on our streets, parks and countryside. Dog fouling is not only unpleasant it is a health hazard, which is why we have boosted the amount of enforcement in the borough."

Tragedies prompt open water swimming alert

By **Danielle Thompson**

LANCASHIRE Constabulary and the Royal Life Saving Society are urging people to be wary of the dangers of swimming in open water following the deaths of nine people in 10 days nationwide during the heat wave.

Tragically, there are 260 accidental drowning deaths in inland waters in Britain each year on average – about 60% of the total number of accidental water deaths.

Inspector Dave Robinson said: "With the recent warm weather we have been enjoying and the school holidays approaching, we would advise people to think twice about going into local rivers, lakes, quarries, reservoirs and canals to cool off.

"We know that local reservoirs can appear very inviting in this weather but the reality is very different and entering into any open water can have tragic consequences.

"In particular, we would warn people against attempting any kind of stunt such as jumping in open water. It is extremely dangerous and when it goes wrong it can have devastating results."

The police have offered the following summer water safety advice – remember that drinking alcohol can slow your reaction, increasing the chances of hypothermia and impairing your judgement of distance if you do enter open water; do not swim in any reservoirs, quarries, rivers, lakes or canals; and call 999 in an emergency.

Royal Life Saving Society UK chief executive, Di Standley, said: "Any drowning is a tragedy but the number of people who have lost their live this month is not only extremely sad but extremely worrying.

"We want people to listen to our high alert and take on board the safety messages we are issuing – advice that could mean the difference between life and death.

"Do not be tempted to cool off in open water, unless it is a supervised area intended for swimming, or an organised event.

"We want people to enjoy water, but safely and sensibly – using their common sense and listening to advice.

"We sincerely hope that this is the last drowning tragedy to take place this summer – please don't become a statistic."

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Council consult students over park's new play area facilities

Students from Ormskirk School try out the cableway.

NEW youth facilities have been installed at Coronation Park, Ormskirk, including a cableway, climbing rock and waltzer–style roundabout, in time for the start of the school summer holidays.

Funding for the new £30,000 project, aimed at teenagers, was raised by West Lancashire Borough Council through developer contributions from nearby housing sites.

A selection of play suppliers were invited to submit designs and consultation was carried out with students from Ormskirk School to ensure the equipment chosen would meet the needs of teenagers. The design most favoured was from Wicksteed Leisure Ltd.

Councillor David Sudworth, the council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "I am delighted that pupils from Ormskirk School have been consulted on what new equipment should go into the park. I am sure many young people from across West Lancashire will enjoy using these great new facilities."

Ormskirk School head teacher, John Doyle, said: "The Year 9 students who have been involved in the planning and creation of the Coronation Park play area have found it both an honour and a most rewarding experience."

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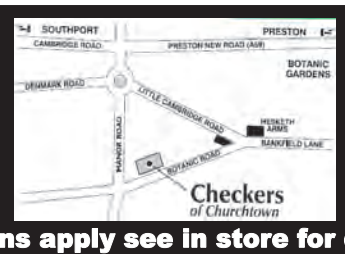

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Sun brings crowds out at Green Fayre

Two of the youngsters who enjoyed a fun day out at the Green Fayre in Beacon Country Park. Code1060824

Report by **Henry James**

THIS year's Green Fayre at Beacon Country Park has been hailed as a "fantastic success" as the fine weather resulted in between 12,000 and 13,000 people attending over the two days (Saturday and Sunday, July 20 and 21).

That was in contrast to last year when bad weather forced the event to be cancelled.

A spokesman for West Lancs Borough Council, which organises the fayre, said: "Members of the public were overwhelmingly positive in their comments about the fayre, with some saying it was a fantastic day out. The weather was great for both days which added to the enjoyment of the event.

"One of the most popular attractions was the folk marquee where the Long Hill Ramblers were brilliant in headlining the show. They enjoyed support from some of the best folk musicians the local area has to offer.

"The working woodlands displays were also extremely popular."

Visitors to the event could find out more about woodland management and crafts such as chainsaw carving, willow–weaving and basket–making, along with a variety of green woodworking displays and coppice crafts.

Further displays could be found in the main show area including a blacksmith, a wheelwright and a trailer–mounted sawmill and there were demonstrations in the craft marquee, including clog making, and felt making.

There were also a number of traders selling traditional and home–made produce.

'Not enough cash from Bedroom Tax help fund going to those who need it'

Councillor claims One Connect is holding onto money but council says payments are 'on track'

Report by **Henry James**

NOT enough is being done to help people in West Lancashire struggling to pay their rent following the introduction of the Bedroom Tax, says a councillor who claims the company responsible for a 'help fund' is not handing out enough cash those who need it.

One Connect Limited, the company responsible for the administration of revenue and benefits for the borough, has so far handed out £12,929 of £159,000 designated by the Government to help people hit by the Bedroom Tax, according to Labour borough councillor Neil Furey.

Cllr. Furey said: "The Bedroom Tax Help Fund is money directly provided by the Coalition Government to help tenants who are financially struggling with the Bedroom Tax. This is money One Connect Limited should be giving out to needy tenants, not keeping in its coffers."

However, West Lancashire Council say the amount of money allocated by the end of June indicates that around 24% of the fund had been committed in the first quarter of the year so that the financial commitment is "on track."

A borough council spokesman said: "The Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) fund is managed on behalf of the council by our partners One Connect Limited.

"The Government awarded West Lancashire Borough Council £158,909 of DHP in 2013/14.

"During the period April 1 to June 30, 183 applications for DHP were considered and 114 awards were given. This equates to 62.3% of applications being approved.

"The level of committed DHP expenditure for 2013/2014 has reached £38,232 with a balance of £120,677 for the remainder of the year. The figure of £12,929 stated by Councillor Furey is the actual amount of money that has been given to claimants by that date.

"The amount of money allocated by the end of June indicates that around 24% of the fund had been committed in the first quarter of the year so that financial commitment is on track.

"It is anticipated that the council's DHP fund will be fully committed to help the people that need it most with little, if any funds remaining at the end of the financial year."

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Missing pigeon back 'home' – thanks to the Champ!

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

Owner reunited with Chico after more than 200 responded to advert

A PIGEON fancier has been reunited with one of his birds that had been missing for more than four weeks – thanks to the power of the Champion!

Originally from Halsall, Joe Meakin had just moved to a new home in Southport and was letting his collection of homing pigeons get acclimatised to their new surroundings when calamity struck.

Something spooked a group of Joe's white, feather–legged tumbler pigeons, causing them to scatter.

He said: "Most of the birds returned in a few hours and nearly all were back inside a couple of days. But one of them – Chico – just went missing completely and I started to get quite concerned.

"When he had been missing around four or five weeks I decided to put an advert in the Champion to see if anybody had any information.

"I was absolutely innundated with calls! More than 200 people rang either to say they may have spotted Chico or offering their services to help look for him."

And, eventually, it was a call from a man in Crosby which brought the good news for Joe.

"It seems Chico had managed to cover most of Sefton before he was found by a fellow pigeon fancier in Crosby. The guy's brother spotted the appeal in the Champion and they got in touch with me pretty much straight away.

Joe Meakin welcomes Chico back home. Code1060814

"We met up in a car park in Formby and when the basket was opened I recognised Chico straight away.

"I was so overjoyed to have him back and when I took him home even Chico's brothers and sisters knew he was back.

"The response I got and the help just shows that there are so many lovely people out there."

Joe says Chico will now be tagged so he doesn't get lost again.

"Hopefully he will now know where he has to fly back to!

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Wellbeing Centre reopens after £60,000 makeover

By Danielle Thompson

THE West Lancashire Wellbeing Centre has reopened after a £60,000 makeover.

Home to Age UK Lancashire in the West Lancashire area, the community centre on Moorgate in Ormskirk is a focal point for older people to meet and enjoy themselves.

It reopened yesterday (Tuesday, July 23) after an upgrade of the 1950s community centre, including a full modernisation, a fully–commercial kitchen and a suite of offices, reception and interview rooms providing purpose–built accommodation for the range of services and projects within a dementia and disability friendly environment.

Age UK Lancashire's Richard Ford, who oversaw the project, said: "It's a really exciting time for Age UK Lancashire and we hope that all our existing users of the centre, who have been so supportive during the work, will be pleased with the results, and we are sure that the facilities will provide a welcoming environment for all users, volunteers and staff."

Age UK Lancashire runs a wide variety of classes and activities in and around the centre, from Zumba to arts and crafts, and an administrative base for activities such as rural lunch clubs across West Lancashire, day trips and its Information and Advice Service.

The Home Help and Footcare teams are also based within the building and Age UK Lancashire Trading offer a face–to–face service to arrange general insurance and other products tailored to older people.

The Wellbeing Centre **Code NA**

Age UK Lancashire chief officer, Geraldine Moore, said: "I am delighted with the new–look light, bright and airy West Lancashire Wellbeing Centre and we look forward to continuing and strengthening our relationship with older people across the area."

Ryan's on course for hat–trick . . .

Ryan Molloy with the head of St Bedes, Mr Horricks **Code NA**

KARATE kid Ryan Molloy is on course for a hat–trick of achievements after being nominated for a Sports Personality of The Year award at St Bede's, School.

The 11–year–old from Ormskirk, who gained Black Belt status just five months ago, has just added the British under–12s title to the Irish under–12s title he landed earlier.

And martial arts clearly run in the family – dad, Patrick used to be a karate teacher, while younger brother, Michael, 9, is just two colours away from his own Black Belt.

Meanwhile, the next major target for the talented youngster is joining the England squad when he reaches 14 years of age.

Proud Patrick said: "Ryan has achieved a lot in the last 12 months. I believe karate is good for children as it gives them confidence, teaches discipline and improves team–building."

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Latest statistics show fall in crime

Report by **Henry James**

NEW statistics from Lancashire Police show crime has fallen across the county.

Police have said the final end–of–year statistics for April 2012 to March 2013 showed reductions across the majority of crime categories, despite crime already being at "unprecedented" low levels.

Overall, reports of crime fell by 5.5 per cent from 96,712 to 91,390 in comparison to the previous year.

The figures show a 12.8 per cent reduction in drug offences, from 4,732 to 4,126 or 606 fewer crimes.

Criminal damage is also down by 12.2 per cent from 18,949 to 16,643, a reduction of 2,306 victims; and robbery has fallen in Lancashire by 7.5 per cent from 679 offences to 628, a reduction of 51.

In addition, there were 196 fewer public order offences, with crimes falling 6.8 per cent, from 2,869 to 2,673 and 128 fewer victims of violence against the person, with offences falling 0.7 per cent from 18,659 to 18,531.

Theft offences also reduced with 2,088 fewer victims; a decrease of 4.4 per cent from 47,758 to 45,670.

Clive Grunshaw
Code NA

The figures also show a 9.7 per cent reduction in the number of anti–social behaviour incidents, from 99,217 to 89,627.

As for detection rates, Lancashire was ranked seventh highest in England and Wales at 36 per cent.

Assistant Chief Constable, Mark Bates said: "It is reassuring that, once again, there are fewer people becoming victims of crime in the county and our officers and staff are determined to see this trend continue.

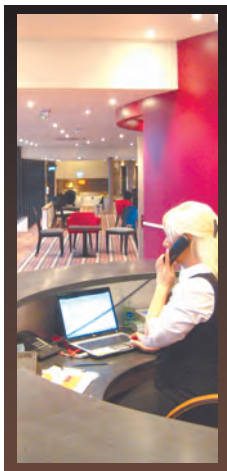
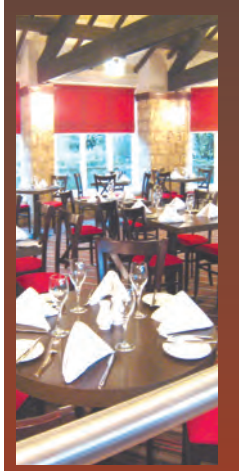
"Despite the reductions, we are not complacent and we remain dedicated to keeping Lancashire's communities safe, keeping levels of crime low and to delivering a high quality of service to victims of crime.

"We also recognise that communities themselves and partners play a significant role in crime reduction and prevention so we are grateful for their continued support too."

Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner Clive Grunshaw said: "While it is pleasing to see that, on the face of it, crime is falling and Lancashire is well placed nationally for the level of sanction detection rates; there is no getting away from the fact the financial pressures the constabulary faces over the coming years will start to affect this picture.

"Clearly, Lancashire's officers and staff will continue to work hard and strive to maintain these positive figures, but the recent Comprehensive Spending Review announcement has left the county with a funding gap that means I believe it will be more difficult for this level of performance to continue.

"As Commissioner, I will continue to work closely with the Chief Constable to address these issues and steer Lancashire through these difficult times."

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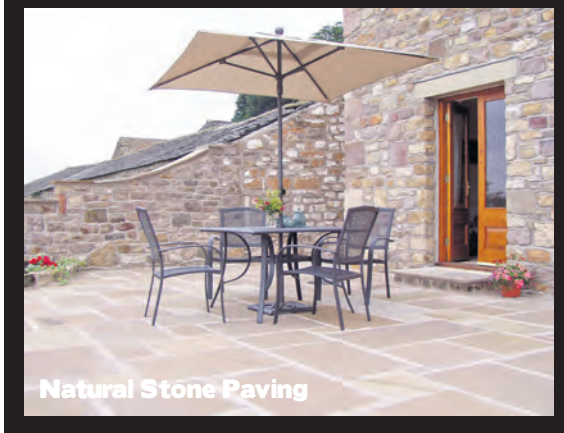
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Police not only solution to crime

So I've got another issue of the Champion through my door telling me that crime is still happening.

This, of course, makes it sound like that there can be no solution apart from police intervention.

The Transcendental Meditation community in Skelmersdale continues to keep crime levels below what they would be if the TM community were no there.

The truth often sounds paradoxical, as Lao Tou would say.

Michael Dawson,
Skelmersdale

Classic car show is going from strength to strength

I would like, courtesy of the Champion, to say a huge thank you and congratulations to the organisers of the Lydiate Classic Car Show which took place on Sunday, July 7.

The show grows year–on–year and this must be mainly attributed to the excellent reputation this show has established over the past six years. The organisers and helpers on the day must be very proud of themselves that the show was so well attended.

There was an excellent array of classic vehicles, and so many friendly people amongst the exhibitors and visitors who came to see the vehicles. The organisers did themselves proud.

I can see the show being even bigger and better next year, their hard work and planning is greatly appreciated.

All the money raised from the show will again be donated to Cancer Research.

Anyone who didn't make it this year missed out on a truly fabulous show.

Sue Langley,
Old Roan

Crisis at A&E is no exaggeration

RE: The letter by John Marshall headed 'There was no crisis for me at Southport A&E' (Champion, July 17).

While it is great that Mr Marshall found the A&E service to be very satisfactory, it is not right to assume just because he had one good experince that anyone who complains about a crisis is in the wrong or exaggerating the matter.

Perhaps Mr Marshall might like to swap places with my daughter, who had multiple visits to A&E last month due to severe pain and infection in her toe, waiting hours in agony because there was nobody to see her and when she did they wouldn't help her because 'it's for podiatry to sort out'?

Podiatry, when they finally saw my daughter's toe, were visibly and verbally shocked that the hospital had allowed such a situation to escalate rather than treat it.

Or, Mr Marshall, you might like my experience a week ago. Referred to the emergency medical admissions via my GP, waited six hours to see the right surgical doctor, who, when they arrived, could not possibly give me the proper assessment due to constant calls, pages and texts on the work phone which they are not allowed to ignore, even if it is so they can deal with the patient at hand.

There were TWO surgical doctors on call for the whole hospital – woefully inadequate and a sure way to cause stress, exhaustion and, unfortunately, errors in judgment and treatment, if allowed to continue.

I finally got a bed around 2am, got the procedure that should have been arranged the night before, at lunchtime the next day and by 8.30 pm the surgical doctor had still not had chance to look at the results.

Crisis there most certainly is and it is arrogant to presume one good incident deems it otherwise.

You may feel you are standing up for Southport Hospital by saying how great your visit was but you are actually doing them a disservice because they need all the support they can get for more staff and better conditions.

I witnessed so many 'emergency' admissions waiting for a bed that I can only beg to differ.

A James,
Formby

PICTURE of the week

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Welcome breeze

Even though it might have ruffled a few feathers, this European Eagle Owl enjoys the cooling breeze from a fan at last weekend's Green Fayre at Upholland's Beacon Country Park.

Picture by Martyn Snape.

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More families are now going without life's basic essentials

The latest figures on poverty make for worrying reading.

The figures show that in 2011/12, average incomes have decreased by 3% compared to 2010/11, with almost a million more people falling in to poverty.

We are particularly concerned that there has been a significant rise in the number of children living in absolute poverty, especially as the Institute of Fiscal Studies predicts that it is likely to continue rising over the next five years.

It is unacceptable that increasing numbers of families have to go without basic life essentials.

Sadly, as the full impact of the recent welfare cuts start to be felt and with household costs continuing to rise, the picture looks set to get worse

In these economic times, it is more important than ever that people in financial need can access support through welfare benefits, charitable grants and other financial help.

We urge them to check their eligibility on our website: www.turn2us.org.uk to find out what help is available.

Alison Taylor,
Turn2us

Is there a different rule for taxis parking at Southport Hospital?

Much has been said about the car parking charges and zealous attendants at Southport Hospital.

My wife and I visit the hospital on average, once or twice a month.

My wife is disabled, so before parking in the main car park, I use the disabled 20–minute drop–off area close to the main entrance.

For the most part, each time I go taxis are parked there, using it as an overflow parking area when their allocated three–car parking area is full.

Two hospital visits made this week and on both occasions a total of six taxis were parked, three in the drop–off zone and three in the correct taxi parking area.

These taxies were not dropping anybody off.

They were simply parked up, waiting their turn to eventually obtain a fare.

They seem to park where they want and get away with it.

Why are they seemingly not policed and fined as other people are?

Vic Morris,
Ainsdale

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No holiday during school term time

by Ollie Cowan

New rules mean parents face being fined if they take children away from classes

New rules for holidays in term time will come into effect from September 2013

PARENTS face being fined if they take their children on holiday during school term time.

Changes to the Education (Pupil Registration) Regulations act of 2006 mean that all holidays must now be taken within the set vacation period and not when classes are being taught.

Any parent who does take their child out of school to go on holiday can now be handed a penalty notice.

New rules governing the regulations will come into effect from September 2013.

From the start of the new school year there will be no discretionary period for schools to allow absences during term–time.

Parents of children who are persistently absent through sickness or for other reasons or are regularly late to school may have the absences unauthorised and be liable to a penalty notice issued by their Council who will be checking attendance registers on a regular basis.

Local authorities across the UK strongly oppose holidays in term–time and all schools are being asked to make parents aware of this fact.

Schools will have the facility to grant absences for exceptional circumstances, for example granting holiday permission to the children of parents who are serving members of the armed services on active duty.

The definition of exceptional circumstances is being left to each school Governing Body to clarify but must be able to withstand robust scrutiny by regulatory bodies such as OFSTED.

Councils could issue penalty notices of up to £120. Failure to pay may lead to further legal action.

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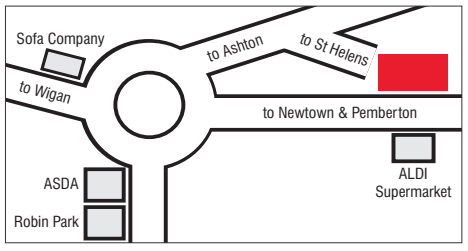

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Picking up a newspaper gave me a nice surprise

WE'VE all done it...

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You cast your eyes around looking for something to read to pass the time.

You soon get to know any posters about backwards, so a copy of any old newspaper or magazine is usually snatched up and perused – no matter what it's all about.

And perhaps, just occasionally, it turns out to be interesting.

When I was about seven or eight I was taken after school to the barber's and picked up a magazine which had a story about Armstrong Siddeley cars.

Somehow it captured my imagination.

For a start, it got me wondering how a pre–select gearbox would be used (I'd still love to try one) and secondly it gave me a yen for this long–disappeared marque.

Remember a couple of weeks ago when I said I had a yen to own and drive a classic car everyday? Well, an Armstrong Siddeley Star Sapphire would fit the bill nicely.

The point is, though, that normally these hastily picked up pieces of waiting room literature are not particularly interesting. Boring is the word that springs to mind.

So the other day, sitting in a comfortable chair in a school's waiting area, I idly picked up a newspaper casually left on a table.

And it was an eye–opener!

If you see a copy of 'First News' anywhere, please have a gander at it.

The 'strapline' across the top of the title page reads 'The weekly newspaper for young people'. Doesn't sound that encouraging – but the old adage about not judging a book (or in this case, newspaper) by its cover never did hold more true.

This is not some condescending children's magazine. It is a proper and really interesting newspaper slanted towards the young. It doesn't say, but I'd guess its target readership are youngsters aged 11 or so and up.

Well, it interested me anyhow.

What I liked about this newspaper was that it took current news stories and explained them without lecturing.

It is a 'proper' paper that anyone would benefit from reading.

If you see one, have a look at it. Even buy it perhaps.

It claims to have more than a million readers so perhaps I'm speaking to the already converted anyhow.

And talking of reading matter, one thing from my childhood that still rankles with me is my mother's blank refusal to buy me and my brother a 'proper' weekly comic. No Beano or Dandy for the Sharpe boys.

We had the Eagle. And if you remember that you'll know that it too was a fount of knowledge (as well as 'Dan Dare, Pilot of the Future) and mum was probably right in her choice.

Because looking back, I do not believe she was a snob – she must have known that we would read other boys' Beanos anyway – just as she must have known that we would acquire the also forbidden chewing gum.

And I'd bet my bottom dollar that the Eagle cost more too.

But I'd buy – and read – a copy today if I ever found one.

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Report by **Henry James**

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Officers say they typically see an increase in bicycle thefts at this time of year as more people use their bikes in the warmer weather.

Det. Insp. John Entwisle said: "When the weather is warmer, we typically see an increase in this sort of crime.

"There are steps that you can take to prevent your bike being stolen and we would urge you to work with us.

"Make sure your bike is secured at all times. Invest in a good quality bike lock and use it.

"If you store your bike in a garage, shed or outbuilding, make sure that you lock it at all times. It is also advisable to get your bike security marked."

Residents can get their bicycle marked with a unique security code by their neighbourhood policing team, which police said helps to prevent theft and makes the bike easier to trace in the event of theft.

If you would like to get your bike security marked, contact the police on 101 and ask to speak to your local neighbourhood policing team.

If you have any information about bicycle thefts, contact the police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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There will also be bingo, a raffle, a quiz, strawberries, cream and scones.

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The Baer's Pochard ducklings will be in the duckling nursery over the next few weeks when visitors to the centre will able to see them and hear why they and other waterfowl species are threatened in the wild, and how admission and membership fees help to support WWT's international conservation projects.

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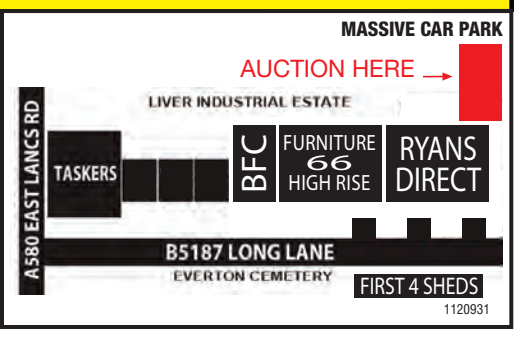

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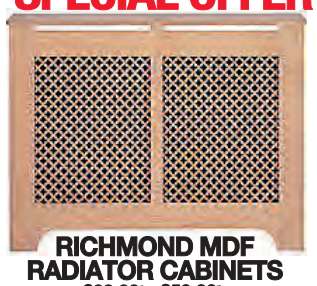

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Police launch new Twitter pages

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

LANCASHIRE Constabulary are encouraging West Lancs residents to keep up–to–date with what's going on in their area via Twitter.

The force has launched five new Twitter pages, including ones for Skelmersdale, Ormskirk and the South Ribble areas.

The area pages include updates, photos, PACT (Police and Communities Together) meeting details, Special Constabulary and volunteer recruitment opportunities, crime prevention advice and information on what officers are doing in the neighbourhood to fight crime.

Lancashire Constabulary started tweeting in 2009, and there are currently more than 20 area Twitter pages being set up with plans for even more. The main Lancashire Police Twitter page has nearly 25,000 followers.

To keep up to date with police activity in your area you can follow your neighbourhood policing team on Twitter @SkemPolice, @OrmskirkPolice or @SthRibblePolice.

Chief Inspector Ian Whitehead said: "Our Twitter pages give us the opportunity to keep members of the public informed about our policing and community activity. We are able to give people the chance to interact with us and their local neighbourhood policing team, by adding their comments and questions.

"Each team will be responsible for updating their pages and we are really encouraging residents to use twitter as a means of staying up–to–date with what's happening and to be informed about what Lancashire Constabulary are doing in their local area."

Residents can also follow the main Lancashire Constabulary Twitter @lancspolice.

Nursery summer fayre proves a 'grand' success

A NURSERY's summer fayre has been hailed as a success after raising nearly £1,000.

A spokeswoman for the Moorgate Nursery School & Children's Centre in Ormskirk, said: "We all had a great day and it was lovely to see so many families past and present.

"We raised a brilliant £968.67 and would like to thank all the staff, parents and companies who helped to make it such a success.

"The money raised will be used to buy new rain suits and bikes for the children."

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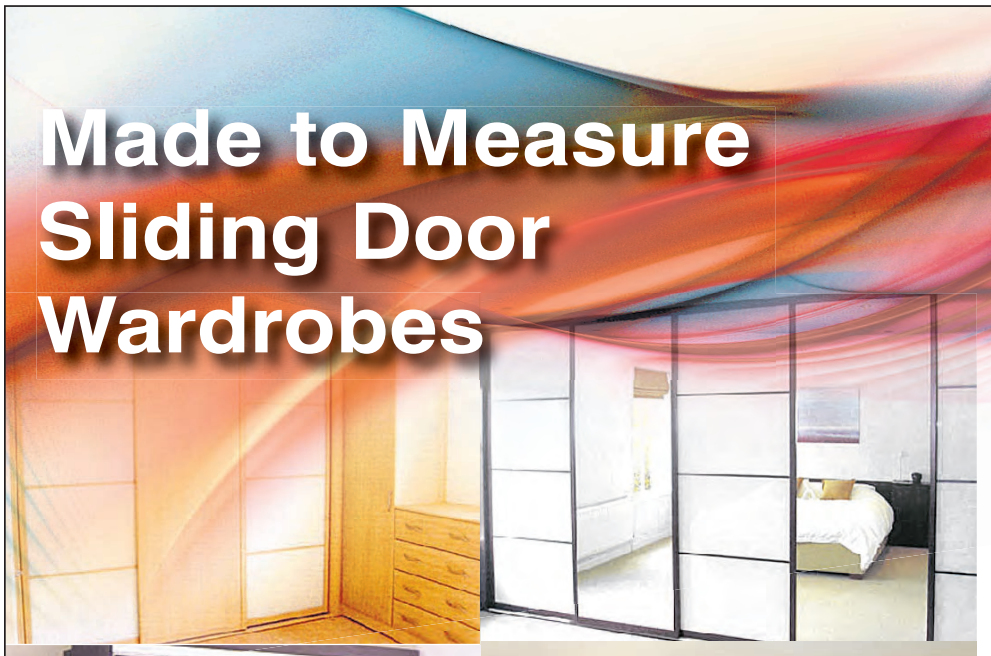

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The summer holidays are almost here and children and young people everywhere are looking forward to their six-week break.

For them, it's a time of excitement, but for parents, it can be stressful – wondering how to can keep their children entertained for endless hours while keeping their sanity intact.

Help is at hand, though, and the Lancashire Children and Young People's Trust has put together information about what's available to take the headache out of the summer holidays.

By visiting the county council's website, www.lancashire.gov.uk and searching for 'summer fun' you will find a range of activities provided by different organisations to keep children and young people happy for hours.

Richard Cooke, children's trust manager, said: "*There are lots of activities being provided across Lancashire.*

"*These include everything from teenage chefs in Preston and snooker in Hyndburn, to cookery in Chorley and footy in Fleetwood.*

"*There's something for everyone and activities cover all ages.*

"*The activities are provided by a variety of organizations, but the new website means people can find out what's happening near them at a click of a mouse.*"

In addition to the website, borough and city councils in each district will produce leaflets giving details of the activities and groups on offer in their area.

These will be left in schools, libraries, doctors' surgeries, community centres and other public buildings across the county.

Here are some top tips to help you keep everyone smiling this summer:

- Do your research – activities will be run by a variety of groups and organisations. Make sure you know who is responsible for the activity being run safely.
- Is the activity age-appropriate? Make sure your child is old enough to get involved otherwise they could end up frustrated and sitting on the sidelines. This is especially important if you are taking children of different ages.
- Check what is provided on the day. Are you expected to provide lunch and snacks?
- Be prepared for the ever-changing British weather. It might be sunny when you set off, but it's probably wise to take a lightweight raincoat and a change of clothes with you!
- Before you go, check if you will be expected to stay and if not, how many adults will be supervising the activity.
- If the activity involves leaving your child, make sure you check that staff and volunteers have been CRB checked, that there are guidelines in place for how they will deal with discipline and that first aiders will be available should an accident occur.
- Finally and most importantly, have fun! School holidays may be testing at times but they are also a fantastic opportunity to spend some quality time with your children.

Richard added: "*With so much to do over the summer holidays and activities available in every district, there's no excuse to be bored!*"

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'The machines used in the 1970s were Citroen 2-CVs compared to the Ferraris we've got now,' says Dr Art Tucker of Barts Hospital in London, who uses thermography to image the activity of very fine blood vessels.

Read more: http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-412259/Could-heat-scans-replace-mammograms.html

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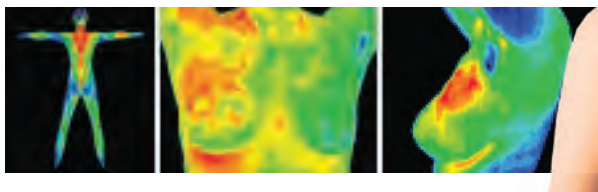

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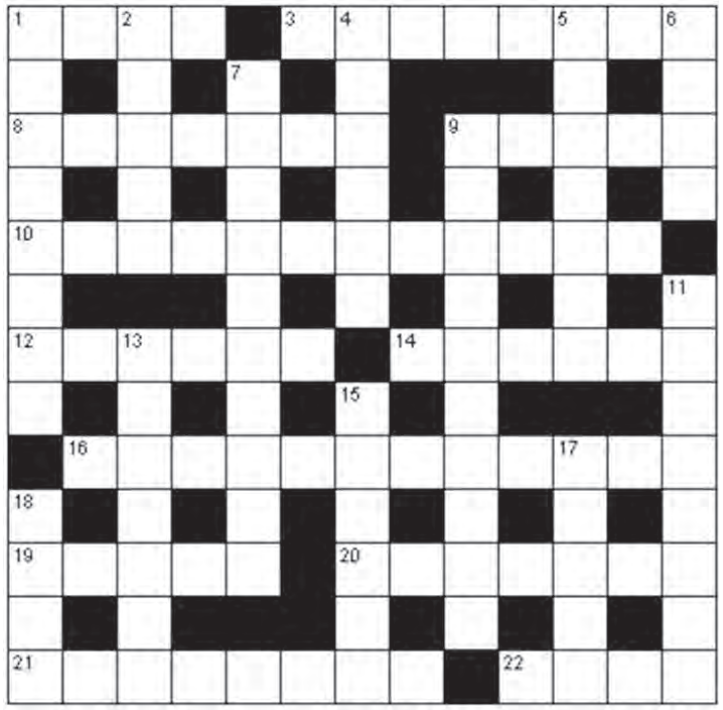

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
ACROSS: 1) Snowdon, 5) Bogus, 8) Examine, 9) Merit, 10) Pug, 11) Telegraph, 13) Bamboo, 14) Primal, 16) Sand Dunes, 17) Ass, 19) Fudge, 21) Hoodlum, 22) Loyal, 23) Press Up
DOWN: 1) Sheep, 2) Orangemen's Day, 3) Driftwood, 4) Needle, 5) Bum, 6) German Measles, 7) Satchel, 12) Gyroscope, 13) Bashful, 15) Unship, 18) Sum Up, 20) Eel

ACROSS

1) Fictional tiger in Jungle Book, Shere... (4)
3) Social class or individual's manner of thinking (8)
8) Strong bright deep red (7)
9) Smooth glossy fabric, usually silk (5)
10) One who pursues a criminal for the reward (6,6)
12) Gambling word derived from Italian for 'little house' (6)
14) Fine powdery substance, causes summer allergy (6)
16) African American style of piano-based blues (6,6)
19) Not a giver... (5)
20) Person who scrubs away dirt (7)
21) Make or become less tense or anxious (8)
22) Great enthusiasm in pursuit of an objective (4)

DOWN

1) Sudden forceful recoil (4,4)
2) Middle English goodbye, originates from 'to god' (5)
4) Small inflatable boat, seen off Sefton's coasts on hot days (6)
5) Meal made from ground plant, used in breakfast cereals (7)
6) Pull with a jerk or American (4)
7) 19-year-old Australian cricketer, made recent Ashes headlines (6,4)
9) Golf Championship held in Birkdale this week (6,4)
11) Essential or necessary for completeness (8)
13) Swimming breathing aid popular on holidays (7)
15) High up fire or light used as a warning or signal (6)
17) Classification of media, usually film (5)
18) Pass an implement through a liquid in circular motions (4)

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Free cycling and walking events

A GROUP of local attractions in West Lancashire are joining together to host a walking and cycling event, offering free guided walks and cycling tours between WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre, LWT Mere Sands Wood, Burscough Village, The Ship Inn and Homestead Farm Tea Room.

The event runs from today (Wednesday, July 24) until Tuesday, July 30 and is funded by Visit Sefton and West Lancashire.

The schedule includes:

• Wednesday, July 24 and Friday, July 26: Five–mile family and adult cycle tour starting at WWT Martin Mere at 11am (also collecting cyclists at 11.25am at Burscough Bridge Interchange) incorporating The Ship Inn and Homestead Farm Tea Room.

• Thursday, July 25: Two–mile walk from Burscough Bridge Interchange to WWT Martin Mere starting at 10am from the station.

• Saturday and Sunday, July 27 and 28 July: A walk with a warden along the WWT Martin Mere community reedbed walk starting at 10am from the car park.

• Monday, July 29: A tour of LWT Mere Sands Wood starting at 10.30am from the MSW visitor centre. The walk will last for 90 minutes offering a behind–the–scenes tour.

• Tuesday, July 30: Walk from WWT Martin Mere to LWT Mere Sands Wood at 10am incorporating a tour of MSW on arrival and a walk back to WWT Martin Mere at 1pm.

For information on how to hire a bicycle go to www.visitseftonandwestlancs.co.uk.

If travelling from Ormskirk take the 3A bus from Ormskirk bus station to Burscough Bridge Interchange at 18 minutes past the hour.

You don't need to book for any of these events, simply turn up on the day. Some of the walks are not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs, for further information call Martin Mere on 01704 895181 or visit the website at www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere

Lancashire gardening expert set for starring role at Southport Flower Show

By **Ollie Cowan**

RENOWNED horticulturist Christine Walkden is to share her expertise with visitors at the 2013 Southport Flower Show.

The popular TV and radio presenter, will be at the show on Saturday, August 17 giving a talk entitled 'The Life and Times of a Gardener' in the Grand Floral Marquee.

Christine will also take part in gardener's questions at 3pm on the bandstand, as well as judging the horticultural trade stands and awarding prizes.

Christine started growing vegetables on an allotment in Lancashire when she was just 10 years old and has never looked back.

Her first job after leaving school was in the gardens of her local park and she progressed through a series of posts, including a spell at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, before she brought her infectious enthusiasm and passion for plants to wider audiences as a broadcaster and lecturer.

Christine Walkden

She said: "I am very pleased to be returning to a show that was so much a part of my childhood, always full of inspiration, great plants, gardens and people."

Christine has presented BBC's Gardeners World and her own hit BBC2 TV series, Christine's Garden. She is also a panel member of BBC Radio 4's Gardener's Question Time.

She is the resident gardening expert on The One Show and has also appeared on BBC Breakfast and the Paul O'Grady Show. She even appeared on an edition of the comedy quiz show, Shooting Stars.

As well as her broadcasting work, Christine has written five successful books on gardening and has travelled the world visiting gardens on field trips.

Christine has been honoured with a string of awards in her career and is widely recognised as one of the UK's leading horticulturalists and plantswomen.

Mayor opens memorial gardens

The Mayor and Mayoress with garden designers Ian and Julie Nicholson, operations director Geoff Edwards and manager Carolyn Ackers **Code1060528**

MAYOR of West Lancashire, Councillor Ian Ashcroft performed the official opening of the new memorial gardens at the Rose Lodge care home in Banks.

The outside space at the home in Church Road, has been given a makeover by volunteers Julie and Ian Nicholson.

The new–look outdoor recreational space includes a memorial garden with shrubs, herbaceous plants and bulbs, plus an adjoining rose garden with an obelisk as a central feature.

To mark the occasion there were a variety of stalls, plus refreshments, while music was provided by Banks Brass Band.

Ian Nicholson said: "My wife and I are volunteer gardeners at the home and four years ago we created a rose garden at the front. Last year the home underwent a major refurbishment, including the addition of patio doors so that the residents would have direct access to the rear.

"The area to the rear only laid down to grass so we decided to create a memorial garden and a separate rose garden. Funds for the rose garden were raised by donations from relatives and friends and each rose is dedicated to a loved one."

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Homes programme boosts job hopes

Report by **Henry James**

A TOTAL of 40 people have been given the chance to kick–start careers in the construction industry through work experience placements in a range of trades.

The opportunities have been created through West Lancs Council's Regenerating Homes Programme which is currently updating kitchens and bathrooms in council homes. Since the start of the programme around 140 bathrooms and 300 kitchens have been installed.

During June and July, a total of 40 people successfully embarked on work experience placements under the guidance and supervision of West Lancashire College and one of the four contractors who are carrying out the kitchen and bathroom work – FT Finley, JC Construction, Lovell Partnerships Ltd., and Wates Living Space.

The placements have enabled people to try out trades in joinery, plastering, electrical work, painting/decorating, roofing and plumbing, giving them vital experience to help with their next career steps.

While the work experience programme has now finished, next steps are being explored to enable apprentices to continue to be employed by the contractors as part of this programme.

Sue Norton, director of JC Construction, said: "I have been astounded by the enthusiasm from the young people involved in the work trials and their eagerness to work and become involved in the apprenticeship scheme."

Councillor Adrian Owens, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for housing (finance), regeneration and estates, said: "The Regenerating Homes Programme has been extremely popular and has enabled people to gain valuable skills and experience in the construction industry alongside a skilled workforce.

"Support is available via the West Lancashire Challenge project for businesses who feel they could also offer work experience and apprenticeship opportunities to young people and I would urge anyone interested to get in touch."

The council, West Lancashire College and West Lancashire CVS are partners in the West Lancashire Challenge Project which aims to create apprenticeships, as well as training and work experience opportunities within businesses and organisations and increase participation in volunteering.

For more information call 01695 712645 or email info.edu@westlancs.gov.uk

West Lancs unemployed total down

UNEMPLOYMENT is West Lancashire has fallen to its lowest level for more than four years, according to figures released this week.

The latest statistics show that the borough's jobless figure for June 2013 was 2,055, a 3% reduction on the May figure of 2,130.

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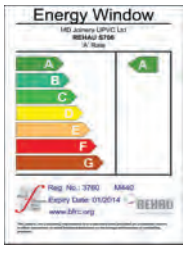

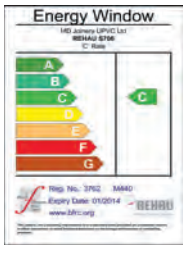

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ReSound–ing success for community choir!

ORMSKIRK Civic Hall came alive last Saturday afternoon as ReSound Community Choir hosted 'Sing for Victory' – an afternoon of war time nostalgia.

Guests were treated to a wonderful afternoon of music, dance and a home–made afternoon tea.

The packed hall was decorated in a war time theme, with gas mask boxes, singer sewing machines and posters advising housewives to be 'home by four'. The choir were joined by members of Ormskirk School of Dance, who performed a tap routine and a swing number, and the Sax Haven quartet who played a selection of wartime tunes through the interval.

The event was partially funded by a BBC Performing Arts Grant the choir were successful in obtaining last September. The fund is a charity committed to developing new performing arts talent from across the UK. The grant paid for extensive training for the choir, including trips to the Royal Northern College of Music and workshops with Sense of Sound Choir in Liverpool. It also covered the cost of the Civic Hall and contributed to other costs of the day– the rest was paid for by members of the choir.

The day included many well–known songs, from 'Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree' to 'The White Cliffs of Dover' and 'Keep the Home Fires Burning'. An area laid out like a war time pub hosted the Home Guard singing 'Underneath the Arches', and smaller groups of the choir sang 'Mister Sandman' and 'A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square'. The guests all had rations books with their names on from which they tore their raffle 'coupon' for a draw in the interval.

The choir members heard many tales about growing up during that difficult time as memories were unlocked and stories shared. 'We'll Meet Again' proved to be the most emotional moment as many remembered sad times over the years, but 'Run Rabbit Run' and 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary' were sung by everyone with gusto!

Choir leader Sarah Monteith explained: "This has been a real community event and has captured exactly the feeling people had in the war of coming together to make things happen, especially with music which was such an important way to keep people's spirits up.

"Everyone has been so generous with their time and money, from those responsible for the Civic Hall right through to care homes bringing their residents, and of course the BBC to whom we're really grateful. The choir have been outstanding, working incredibly hard to learn their words, make their own costumes and prepare food, flowers and other decorations for the day. I'm really proud of them all."

The choir will be performing the same set at three of the care homes over the summer, and will be staging another event in October, this time for a paying audience, including the choir's own families, most of whom haven't seen it yet.

• More details will be available on the choir's website, www.resoundchoir.com

The ReSound Choir at Ormskirk Civic Hall Code1060829

Guests enjoy the event

Swashbuckling event at Rufford Old Hall

THE Outdoor Theatre at Rufford Old Hall will be performing a swashbuckling Treasure Island on Sunday 4 August.

The Cambridge Touring Theatre are performing a brand new version of the children's classic by Robert Louis Stevenson, a coming of age tale of young Jim and Long John Silver.

Rufford Old Hall's Beech Paddock is the beautiful backdrop, where families can take a picnic plus rugs and low backed chairs to sit and enjoy the fun.

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Standing–room only at Macbeth

• Macbeth
• National Theatre Live presentation Parbold Picture House
• Saturday, July 20

Review by **Henry James**

THERE was standing–room only at Parbold Picture House for the National Theatre Live streaming of Kenneth Branagh's Macbeth from the Manchester International Festival.

This was a chance to see a production that had sold out just eight minutes after the tickets had become available.

The National Theatre Live presentations at Parbold are always popular, and you can see why as the screen is massive and the sound quality was first class.

The action took place along the central isle of a deconsecrated Manchester church and the audience could be seen in the pews watching, just touching distance from the actors.

This was Kenneth Branagh's first Shakespeare performance for over a decade. He became more frenzied throughout the evening and his scenes with Lady Macbeth (Alex Kingston) were the highlight of the show. Towards the end he was almost frothing at the mouth. Branagh obviously has an excellent understanding of the text and this shows in his performance.

I thought Alex Kingston's best scene was when she was caught sleep–walking. You could tell she had become consumed by what she and Macbeth had done.

The sword fights in the production were dramatic as well. It was not surprising to hear that one of the actors had to receive medical treatment after one of the fights.

The weird sisters, who prophesise Macbeth's murderous deeds, added to the dark atmosphere, although occasionally it was difficult to pick up some of their lines.

Shakespeare's Macbeth is a disturbing play, and I had forgotten just how harrowing it was.

Carnival fun comes to Chapel Gallery

THE fun of the carnival comes to the Chapel Gallery with a week–long event for children to enjoy during the summer holidays.

Futuristic Carnival runs from Monday, August 19 to Friday, August 23. Children can make carnival headpieces, eye decoration, decorative body tops, funky T–shirts and enjoy other fun activities.

Children can let their imagination run wild during the sessions from 9am–4pm. The course costs £50 for the week. Futuristic Carnival is one of many activities the gallery is hosting during the summer holidays. These start with What a hat! on Wednesday, July 31 when artist Caroline Hodge will help the children experiment with folds and tears to create a fantastic hat. The workshop costs £12.

Councillor David Sudworth, portfolio holder for leisure, said: "Young artists can have a great time learning new skills and showing off their creative talents at the Chapel Gallery this summer. So why not book a place on some of these exciting workshops?"

Artist Sarah Jane Richards is running workshops entitled Classical Self Portrait on Friday, August 2 and Fashion Divas on Wednesday, August 7. The workshops cost £14 each.

For more details of the gallery's workshops over the summer visit www.chapelgallery.org.uk.

The whole family can explore Ormskirk with artist and illustrator Angie Thompson on her free Nooks and Crannies workshop on Saturday, August 10. The sketch crawl will start at the Chapel Gallery when Angie will give a short presentation about her work Ormskirk Illustrated. Groups will then be taken on a trail through the town centre, stopping at various points to explore and sketch.

Other free family workshops are Musical Mayhem on Tuesday, August 13 when families can form a band using simple drums and other equipment. Then people can dress up ready to travel the high seas for the Priceless Pirates activity on Tuesday, August 27.

Sessions for all the family workshops are from 10.30am–12.30pm and from 1.30pm–3.30pm.

To book a place on any of these workshops or activities call the gallery on 01695 571328 or email chapel.gallery@westlancs.gov.uk. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult at the workshops.

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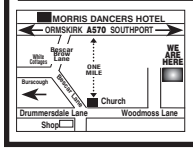

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PER UNA Maxi dress multi colour size 12 new with tags on £12 01704 506539

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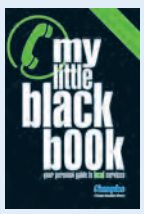

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Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the County Council at the Environment Directorate, Lancashire County Council, Strategic Transport and Environment, Development Management Group, County Hall, PO Box 100, Preston, PR1 0LD, by email to DevCon@lancashire.gov.uk by 14 August 2013 or via 'Have your Say' on the County Council's website www.lancashire.gov.uk/planningregister.

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Jo Turton, Executive Director for the Environment
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Application No: 2013/0730/FUL Retention of 10 no. temporary workers dwellings at Hundred End Nurseries, Hundred End Lane, Hesketh Bank. This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2013/0635/WL3 Alterations to existing car park exit to allow access and egress at Park Road Car Park, Park Road, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2013/0643/FUL* Retention of 1 no. window and insertion of additional window to ground floor rear elevation at 56 Granville Park West, Aughton.
Application No: 2013/0751/FUL To split the existing retail unit into two, retaining the same A1 use classification with the provision of a new shopfront at 14 - 18 Aughton Street, Ormskirk.
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John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI — Dated: 24th July 2013
Assistant Director Planning — PDNOT679

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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) (No.2) ORDER 2013

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DEATHS

HOWARD
Margaret
(Nee Scullion)

Passed away 19th July 2013 after a short illness

To my brave sister who lost her fight against The Big C

God Bless

Rest in peace

Love you Marg

from Clare, Dave, Charlotte, Stephanie and Thomas

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COLLINS
John

R.I.P. Lad, always loved and will be forever missed
Auntie Joan and Julie
XX

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BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

DONALDSON
Kay
(Nee Russell)

26.7.67 - 4.10.12

We never need a special day to bring you to our minds.
For the day without a thought of you is very hard to find.
We cannot send a birthday card, your hand we cannot touch, but God will take our birthday greetings to the one we love so much.
Love Mum & Dad.

Always remembered and loved,
Uncle Dave,
Aunty Marg & Adrian

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IN MEMORIAM

RIGBY
Jamie
"Our Jay"

Tragically taken 27th July 2004

The day you died, a star fell from the sky, leaving an empty space in our hearts that no one can ever replace. But a single ray of sun shines through, and with that ray, you light our world.
Silent thoughts, tears unseen, we wish your absence was only a dream.
We will always love and miss you with every passing day, but the longing just to see you, will never go away.
That cheeky grin and big blue eyes, we carry in our hearts forever.

Nine long years.

Broken hearted
Mum and Dad,
Danielle, Stuart and Taz
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Ava Emily, Tyla Beau
and Poppy Jae
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PRAYER

THANKS to Sacred Heart & St Martha, for prayers answered MD (42918)

PRAYER

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. **M.D.**

This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published. 42934

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

FYLES
Jason Peter

The family of Jason would like to express their gratitude to everyone who attended the funeral, for all their kindness, well wishes, sympathy and shared memories. To everyone who gave flowers, sympathy cards and donations to The British Red Cross, our sincere thanks. For Peter Goulding, our thanks for a wonderful service celebrating the life of Jason. Lawrence for his heartfelt eulogy, thank you. Carl of Howard's Funeral Directors for all the personal care and consideration of our needs for making Jason's funeral the special event it was.

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DEATHS

HOWARD
Margaret
(Nee Scullion)

Passed away peacefully 19th July 2013.

To our beautiful sister Margaret
We loved you so much.
You're so missed.
You were the bright light in our lives'.
Rest dear sister in peace. We will keep our memories of you alive.
Good night, God bless.

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Brother John, Sister Kathy, Sister-in-law Irene, Brother-in-law Terry, Nephews Gary, Ian, Michael, Andrew & families.
Condolences to
Billy & family
xxx

BIRTHDAYS

Happy 30th Birthday

To my lovely friend
Michelle

Lots of love
Amanda
XXX

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IN MEMORIAM

RIGBY
Jamie

27/07/04

Always in our hearts and thoughts Jay.
Missed and never forgotten.
Love Joan, Jimmy, Jay and Jo
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IN MEMORIAM

RIGBY
Jamie

27/7/04

To our Jay, thinking of you as always on this day of sadness. We all miss you dearly. Our hearts and souls are with you in heaven forever. Your loving family Les, Doreen, Alan, Mary, Adam, Amy & family

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DEATHS

COLLINS
John
George

17/07/2013

Age 58

I miss you very much my beloved Son, reunited with your Dad, from your broken hearted Mam
XXX

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DEATHS

HOWARD
Margaret
(Nee Scullion)
'OUR NELLIE'
19th July 2013

Aged 60 years

Marg you were our little spitfire

We have a lifetime full of memories, you were a one off and we will miss you more than you can imagine.

Love you big sis

Frances & Colin

Gemma, (bump) & Stuart

Colin, Sabrina and Baby Tyler
xxx

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IN MEMORIAM

FINEGAN
John

24th July 2009

4 Years today

You were sadly taken from us.
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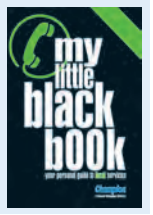

PRAYER

DEAR SACRED HEART OF JESUS

In the past I have asked for many favours.
This time I ask for one special favour.
(mention it)

Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine.

Amen

Say this prayer for three days, promise publication and your favour will be granted. Never to be failed.

B.D.

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PRAYER

Saint Jude's Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us, St. Jude worker of miracles pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless pray for us.

Say this prayer 9 times a day. By the 8th day your prayers may be answered. Say it for 9 days and it has never been known to fail.

Publication must be promised. Thank you St. Jude

Instructions:
Light your candle and declare out loud what miracle you need right now. Repeat this prayer 9 times for 9 days. Do this at the same time each day, never skip a day. If you do, you need to start over again. On the 9th day give thanks, and say "So be it." Give it up to Saint Jude and let go of any worry. You will see results in 72 hours. Never use this prayer to manipulate or control anyone. Use it only with the best intentions.

This is the most important part of the entire process YOU MUST pass this miracle prayer onto others. Some people publish it in the paper, others e-mail it to their friends, and others post it in a public building.

P.Y.

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IT'S the baking heat and one too many cheeseburgers which I blame for my latest motoring misadventure.

Cast your mind back a couple of weeks. While you were queuing up for ice cream served by a bald bloke, I was rolling up in the grounds of a stately home in Cheshire that had become a little overseas corner of California. Acres of nothing but old American cars – that's the Stars 'n' Stripes show at Tatton Park for you.

Old Yank tanks aren't normally my bag but what started out as a work assignment quickly became an indulgence. As Sweet Home Alabama belted out of the stereo and I wandered through a sea of Confederate flags, pick–up trucks and Cadillacs, I might have got a bit carried away. I left Tatton Park with my very own American dream too.

My head was full of ideas. Perhaps I could lower the hood on a '62 Cadillac and cruise down the nearest sun–kissed boulevard, or play the rebel without a clue in a Chevrolet El Camino SSI.

I really wanted to go for a drive in an American car. Unfortunately, fate dealt me with a cruel hand and gave me one.

True, it was a Chevy, but it was a Captiva, which is the Vauxhall Antara's cheapskate American cousin. Only it isn't really all that American because it was developed and made in South Korea.

Not that I'd mind if it was any good, but it isn't.

It's roomy and generously equipped, for sure, but it's not especially nice to drive, uninspiring to look at, and the materials on the inside feel at least a generation behind most of the competition.

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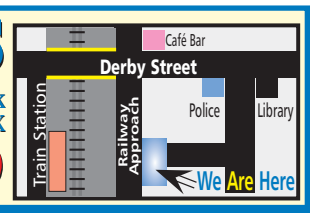

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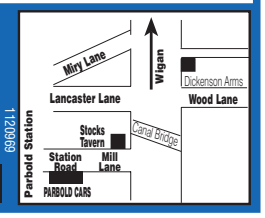

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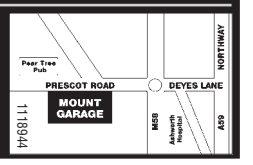

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One wicket defeat agony for Burscough after hitting 260

BURSCOUGH lost a closely fought high scoring Second Division contest by a single wicket at Alder.

After electing to bat the visitors racked up 260–6 dec in 53 overs, thanks in the main to an unbeaten 109 (15x4s and 3x6s) from Brendan Domigan, 84 from Mike Bimpson and 37 from their captain Lee Berrie, with Hemal Watekar taking 5–91.

In reply the hosts reached their target (261–9) in 49.3 overs, thanks to an unbeaten 90 from their skipper Scott Aitchison and 57 from Watekar, with Berrie taking 3–39.

In the First Division Orrell Red Triangle beat Formby by six wickets.

26–run victory keeps Ormskirk in title chase

ORMSKIRK are joint second in the Liverpool Competition Premier Division, 62 points behind leaders Northern, after defeating Southport & Birkdale by 26 runs at home on Saturday.

The hosts declared after 50 overs on 231–5, thanks in the main to an unbeaten 76 from Matt Morgan and 61 from Gary Knight.

In reply S&B were then bowled out for 205, with Josh Hine (49), Shervon Jean (37) and Kyle Cranston (32) scoring the bulk of runs, whilst the pick of the bowlers were Ian Robinson with 3–12 and Liam Hurt with 3–44.

Maghull beat New Brighton by eight wickets at Old Hall Field. After deciding to bat first the visitors were bowled out for 224 in 49th over with Jack Snowden taking 5–93 with the ball, whilst Cornelius DeVilliers (62) and John While (56) top scored with the bat.

In reply an unbeaten 68 from Sairaj Patel, 65 from Paul Walters, 37 from Donovan Pell and 29 not out from Chris Tonge guided the hosts to 225–2 to wrap up a comfortable victory.

League leaders Northern won yet another closely fought low scoring match, with Leigh being their latest victims at Moor Park, Davy Smith top scored with 20 off 106 deliveries in the home sides total of 109, with Hamish Kingston (4–36) and Matty McKiernan (3–32) the pick of the bowlers.

In reply the visitors slipped from 75–3, with Lancashire's Karl Brown top scoring with 48, to 103 all out, thanks to a superb spell of bowling from Stephen Cole with 6–50 and Tom Sephton with 4–31 to wrap up a six run victory.

Hightown were beaten at home by 10 wickets by Lytham, after electing to bat first the hosts first four batsmen scored just one run between them, as they all fell victim to Fayaz Ughradar as they crumbled to 7–4, however Kris Jones (33) and Leo McCarthy (21) gave the scorecard a bit of respectability as Hightown were eventually bowled out for 129.

In reply Lytham took just 17.5 overs to reach 134–0, with Lancashire's Alex Davies hitting 5x6's on his way to an unbeaten 71 and Will Hale also unbeaten on 57.

This weekend's local LDCC fixtures (1pm start): Leigh v Ormskirk, S&B v Hightown, Wallasey v Maghull, Formby v Liverpool, and Burscough v Old Xaverians.

Skelmersdale subside to New in chase of 236

SKELMERSDALE suffered a 49–run defeat at home to Prestatyn on Saturday. Danny Davies top scored for the home team with 93 while Rhys Hones scored 42 in a total of 236–8 declared after 55 overs. Louis Reece claimed three wickets for 45 runs while Jonas Smith and Le Williams claimed two wickets each. Opener Ben Maddocks was out for a duck in Skelmersdale's reply but fellow opener Jonas Smith (34) and Peter Wylie (25) brought about a recovery until both fell to Danny Davies. Hasnain Abbas came in and scored 42, and together with Mitchell Clarke (35) and Kyle Till (34), took the score to 161–4, all falling to Keiron New. The innings then subsided to 187 all out in 46.1 overs with New taking six wickets.

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